Income-tax dues of film personalities

173. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, Shri Ajit K. Panja, has recently declared in Calcutta that many film personalities have not paid income-tax dues;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter; and

(c) whether any criminal or other action has been taken in this regard, indicating the details, film personality-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir, However, it may be mentioned that some film personalities have not paid their income-tax dues and the same was so stated in Calcutta.

(b) In a number of cases, recovery of tax dues has been stayed by courts and other authorities. In other cases, various actions, both administrative and legal, are being taken. Administrative actions include monitoring progress of recovery work at various levels, fixing of Action Plan targets and requesting the appellate authorities and courts for early disposal of high-demand appeals. Legal actions include levy of penalty, issue of garnishee orders to direct the third parties to pay up amount due from them to the defaulter and issue of recovery certificates which enable Tax Recovery Officer to attach and auction the assets of the defaulter.

(c) As per the latest information available in the Ministry, no criminal action had been taken in this regard. Other action taken is indicated in reply to part (b). Since the film personalities are assessed at different places in the country, details of action taken film personality-wise are not compiled.

Seminar on Police Community Relations

174. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Police Research and Development organised a seminar on 'Police Community Relations' in New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, what were the topics discussed and what were the final suggestions made thereat; and

(c) what follow-up action has been taken on the basis of these suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The topics discussed in the seminar and the points that emerged in the course of the discussion are given in the Statement below.

(c) The minutes of the Seminar have been circulated to all the States/Union Territories for implementation.